

DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2010

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF *ALLEGIANCE*

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by President Keough in the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd. in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson-Absent
D. Fisher
J. Smith

P. Cousins
J. Semifero
R. Tell

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting Minutes - January 25, 2010

Motion Smith; support Semifero to approve the minutes of the Work Session of January 23, 2010; the Work Session of January 25, 2010; and the Regular Council Meeting of January 25, 2010 with the following corrections:

Page 7, I-4 correct the word *works* to read *work*

Page 8, L-1 correct the word *discus* to read *discuss*

Page 8, L-3 replace *to* after review with *the*

Page 8, L-3 replace *to* after DDA with *that* and change *recommend* to *recommends*

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Northern United Brewery – Jon Carlson

Mr. Carlson spoke on a plan to bring their brewery from Northern Michigan to a location on Bishop Circle and a mega grant for hiring. The Dexter location will give Northern United Brewery space for a micro brewery, wine making, distillery, corporate offices, a salesroom for sampling and a bakery.

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Tell; support Fisher to approve the agenda with the following additions:

I-4 ADD Update: Traffic Signal at Meadowview and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road

J-1 ADD Corrected total for Bills and Payroll of \$194,550.28

K-1 ADD Legal Sufficiency Review from the State Boundary Commission

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

General Code of Ordinance Amendments – Subdivision & Planning Commission
Ordinance

Hearing was opened at 7:41 pm. There were no comments or speakers regarding the General Code of Ordinance Amendments. The public hearing was closed at 7:42 pm.

ACTION – Consideration of: Amendments to Chapter 21, Article 1-4, Subdivision Regulations and Chapter 2, Article 4, Board and Commissions, Division 2, Planning Commission of the Village of Dexter General Code of Ordinances

Motion Smith; support Semifero pursuant to the requirements of PA 33 of 2008 the Village Council moves to approve amendments to Chapter 21, Article 1-4, Subdivision Regulations of the Village of Dexter General Code and Chapter 2, Article 4, Board and Commissions, Division 2, Planning Commission of the Village of Dexter General Code.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Lisa Paull of 8565 Parkridge Drive, Dexter, spoke about opposing a bicycle path through the Westridge subdivision because of safety issues. She identified numerous issues: unwanted parking and traffic, increased potential crime, noise pollution and impacts, and possible law suits. She also identified additional tree removal along Dexter-Pinckney Road, endangered species in the area and no division for some of the residents between their property and the path as reasons that she is opposed to the path.

Catherine Mittenthal of 8533 Parkridge Drive, Dexter, spoke about the people who now use Samuel Drive to enter the Metro Park as well as those non-residents using the pond in the sub-division. Ms. Mittenthal stated she would like to be able to walk to the downtown but not in favor of the Metro Park path through the sub-division.

Scott Stewart of 8556 Parkridge Drive, Dexter, has a hearing impaired child and worries about increased parking on Samuel Drive. Mr. Stewart stated that to benefit a few would put all in harms way.

Allison Picinotti of 8513 Parkridge Drive, Dexter would like to see a safe, easy route into Dexter but not a bike path to the Metro Park. Ms. Picinotti also state that she is concerned about resale values of homes in Westridge.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Letters from Comcast
3. Follow Up Information from the December 11 meeting with the Washtenaw County Building Department
4. Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum Newsletter

I. REPORTS

1. Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office – Sgt. Gieske
January Citation Report

Sgt. Gieske submits her report as per packet. In addition, she spoke about the information provided by Westridge residents regarding the parking issue on Samuel Drive; the Sheriff's Department is beginning the one year bid cycle in Dexter; concern with traffic issues at Mill Creek School and Meadowview; and the use of 911 no matter what the emergency. Trustee Tell thanked Sgt. Gieske for traffic control in the Village.

2. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

Library Board Representative – Pat Cousins

Mrs. Cousins distributed a report on circulation in January from 2005 through 2010. In addition Mrs. Cousins reported that the Library continues to thrive and expand with the addition of a higher technical librarian and Mango Languages, an online language study program. She also mentioned that the Library has 400-500 visitors on a daily basis, the Library has purchased a piano, and that in the fall there will be a request for the renewal of the 0.7 operating millage.

3. Subcommittee Reports
None

4. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. In addition Mrs. Dettling spoke about the meeting on traffic issues at Meadowview and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road; Capital Day on February 24 and the Safety Summit on Friday, February 12 at Scio Township offices.

4. President's Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough mentioned placing dates for future workshops and meetings on personal calendars; the meeting on Monday morning with a representative from Park Avenue Lighting who will be reviewing Village lighting for LED (Light Emitting Diode) usage; asked for a representative from Council to be a part of the Fire Safety Committee and Mr. Cousins and Mr. Smith both volunteered; mentioned plans to attend the meeting on February 16 with the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority; and setting a date to continue the discussion on budgeting and priorities for the Village.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$194,550.28
2. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Area Historical Society to place 6 signs in the right of way from April 4 to April 17 to advertise Dexter's Pioneer Art Fair on April 17

3. Consideration of: Request from the Dexter Community Band to place 4 signs in the right of way from February 18 to February 28 and April 14 to April 25 to advertise their concerts on February 28 and April 25

Motion Fisher; support Smith to approve items 1, 2 and 3 of the consent agenda as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood – Boundary Commission Legal Sufficiency Hearing

Ms. Nicholls reported that the Village has received information from the State Boundary Commission regarding sufficiency which reports an issue with Part III of the application.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Washtenaw County Parks Westside Connector Bridge alignment concept

Ms. Bishop and Coy Vaughn from Washtenaw County Parks presented a proposal on bridge alignment under the Warrior Creek Railroad Bridge.

Motion Tell; support Semifero that although there are other outstanding considerations such as approval from the railroad and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality prior to the project construction, the Village of Dexter would like to support the project and the proposed bridge alignment.

Ayes: Smith, Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Cousins and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

2. Consideration of: Planning Commission recommendation to adopt amendments to Zoning Ordinance – Article 15D –Baker Road Corridor

Motion Cousins; support Semifero per Section 23.06, Criteria for Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Text and the Planning Commission recommendation, the Village Council approves the amendments to Article 15D, Baker Road Corridor Ordinance to correct problems and conflicts, and provide clarifications on the goals and objectives of the Baker Road Corridor plan.

Ayes: Semifero, Tell, Fisher, Cousins, Smith and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

3. Consideration of: Scope of Services from JJR to complete the design and bid documents for Mill Creek Park in the amount not to exceed \$72,400 and approval of the necessary budget amendment

Motion Tell; support Semifero to approve entering into a Scope of Services contract with JJR to complete the design and bid documents for Mill Creek Park in the amount not to exceed \$72,400 and approval of the necessary budget amendment.

Ayes: Tell, Cousins, Smith, Fisher, Semifero and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

4. Consideration of: Setting a Public Hearing for March 8, 2010 to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request from AA Gear

Motion Fisher; support Smith to set a Public Hearing for March 8, 2010 to consider an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Request for approximately \$2,252,000 for seven years from AA Gear located at 2105 Bishop Circle West.

Ayes: Cousins, Fisher, Smith, Semifero, Tell and Keough

Nays: None

Absent: Carson

Motion carries

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Roger Sullivan of 3220 Eastridge Drive, Dexter, thanked Westridge residents for attending tonight's meeting and thanked Ms. Bishop, Coy Vaughn and President Keough for working with the homeowners. He stated that the bike path and the connector are two separate issues and that the connector is necessary.

Noreen Wolcott of 8209 Webster Drive, Dexter, has been a resident of Dexter for 20 years and moved to Westridge three years ago. She was distressed to see the options presented for the bike path, especially along Island Lake Road because of safety issues. She felt the need to let the DEQ know that we value our residents.

Meredith Giltner of 8442 Parkridge Drive, Dexter, explained that she lives in the area where the trail would go next to her home. She asked what will assure the residents that they would be safe and the people would not come into the subdivision to park and take the path.

Jack Donaldson of 8468 Parkridge Drive, Dexter, thanked the Village for providing information and thanked the Westridge residents who attended.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Smith; support Fisher to adjourn at 9:22 pm.

Unanimous voice vote for approval with Trustee Carson absent

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: February 22, 2010